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4,431,110	Donald J. Roth	February 14, 1984		
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The enclosed references were cited in the International Search Report of Applicant's corresponding international application, No. PCT/CH2003/000719, filed under the provisions of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (a copy of the International Search Report being concurrently filed herewith), or otherwise known to Applicant.

The accompanying references relate generally to various types of container closures, etc., generally known to the prior art.

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